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Bowling alley, arcade, eatery and more

Edison's brings more entertainment options to Edwardsville



Sitting in the bowling lounge, visitors of Edison's have servers bring them food and drinks from the grill or bar while knocking down pins. | Photo by Kallin Haydon / Alestle

LEXI CORTES
Alestle Managing Editor

Edison's Entertainment Complex has given college students and community members an alternative to the typical weekend activities, offering bowling, laser tag, arcade games, restaurant, bar and more since opening in June.

Matt McSparin, "chief entertainment officer" and president of Edison's, said many guests are probably expecting a family fun center, but when they walk in the front door they see that Edison's was designed for the adult eye. He has heard it described as a "mini Dave and Buster's."

"I really think people will feel like this is an adult place," McSparin said. "College kids don't want to go hang out at Alfonzo's or Gateway Fun Park. It doesn't have the same feel. I think we did a good job of delivering something that people want to hang out in. It's comfortable."

Third year pharmacy major Anand Patel, of Chicago, said "mini Dave and Buster's" is a good way to describe Edison's, and he is glad to have it so close to campus.

"It's a unique place in Edwardsville and around," Patel said. "The next best place like this would be in St. Louis."

Describing the complex as mini may be misleading, though. McSparin said often when people walk into Edison's, located off of state Route 157, for the first time they are a little overwhelmed at the size and diversity before them.

To the left is the bar and restaurant, along with 12 bowling lanes and four large projection televisions. Just beyond the restaurant is an outdoor patio featuring a fireplace. The arcade, laser tag and Tango Frozen Yogurt are located to the right.

McSparin said the business team behind the complex knew they wanted to have laser tag and an arcade as a part of Edison's from the beginning, but with more research into the entertainment market, those ideas soon expanded.

Fourth year pharmacy major Danny Mai, of Peoria, said trying out the arcade and bar for the first time with his friends made for a fun Friday night out.

"I just found out this place was open so we were like, 'Let's see what it's like,'" Mai said. "This is a pretty fun place. I wish this place would have opened when I was still on campus."

He said Edison's is a nice alternative to the normal weekend routine of either working out at the Student Fitness Cen-

ter, playing Xbox or going to the bars around town.

"I feel like, as college students, we don't have that much money, so I don't think this would be a place I would come all the time, but every now and then I think this would be a good place to hang out," Mai said. "It's about time that Edwardsville got a place like this."

According to Patel, the occasional trip to Edison's will not break the bank, especially with the money-saving promotions being offered.

"I think they're reasonable," Patel said. "On the weekends, it's \$40 for the entire lane and you can have like six people."

McSparin said during the opening weeks, a few promotions were offered just to get people in the door, but because patrons seemed to like them, more will be added soon.

"One of the things I think people take advantage of is from 2-5 [p.m.] all of the arcade games are half price," McSparin said.

Another deal the complex offers is "Wattage Wednesdays," according to McSparin.

"We have a family fun pack, which gives you a two-topping large pizza, soft drinks, a lane to bowl on for an hour in-

cluding shoe rental for \$55," McSparin said. "So, a family can come out here — it's up to five people — have an hour of entertainment on the lanes, eat

and drink, and walk out of here for what a family of five is going to pay just to eat."

McSparin said the term "family" is used loosely for this value package.

"It's not really regulated to families," McSparin said. "If five friends wanted to come in and do it, they could do it. Really it's all about the number of people."

One more way to save some cash at Edison's is to purchase an entree at the restaurant because, by showing the receipt, a surge card to be used in the arcade can be purchased for half price.

The surge card is a unique feature that allows the complex to be greener than most arcades. All points needed to play the games are stored on this card, along with all of the tickets a guest may win. McSparin said Edison's is staying technologically up-to-date in this way.

McSparin and the management team will continue making strides to keep things up-to-date for their repeat customers.

"We will continue to add and change

“It's about time that Edwardsville got a place like this...”

Danny Mai
Senior pharmacy major

SG funds fall parties

ROGER STARKEY
Alestle Reporter

Students will have ample free parties to attend the first two weeks of classes this fall due to funding approved by the Student Senate during the July 6 meeting.

The 13th annual Edwardsville Block Party will take place on Friday, Aug. 24, closing out the first week of classes, and the annual foam party will draw thousands to the Stratton Quadrangle the following night. Phi Kappa Psi is also hosting SIUE's first glow party on Sept. 6 in the quad. The Student Senate approved funding for all three parties at the July 6 meeting.

The city of Edwardsville co-sponsors the block party, which takes place in downtown Edwardsville. The Student Senate agreed to provide \$533.95, primarily to provide shuttle buses to take students between campus and downtown.

Kimmel Leadership Center Director Steve Sperotto said the event is mutually beneficial to the city and SIUE.

"It welcomes students back and introduces them to downtown Edwardsville," Sperotto said.

Student Body President Erik Zimmerman said Student Government should support organizations that host annual events because the events bring many students to campus.

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out games," McSparin said. "We learned with our studies that keeping it fresh is important — right down to artwork. We've got that on Velcro, so if we decided we wanted to swap that out at some point, we just put them back up. There's been a lot of forethought."

McSparin said he and the owners collaborated their ideas and financial resources long ago to make Edison's possible.

"[We] spent a lot of time just thinking through market opportunities in Edwardsville," McSparin said. "We started with the idea that this would be a combination of a sports complex, like sports training, and entertainment because those were two voids in our community. As I went out and studied the business models of both sides of that, I discovered the sports training was more of a difficult business model, so we expanded on the entertainment side."

According to McSparin, the biggest challenge was trying to model the complex so the adults would enjoy their time as well as families and kids.

"I think, so far, we're hearing that we've accomplished that, that people like the look of it, the feel of it, and we're seeing both parties in here," McSparin said. "We're seeing families, kids, young adults, older adults. So far, so good."

McSparin said there is one aspect of the complex that does not get enough attention.

"The big thing we're trying to get across is that's a real restaurant," McSparin said. "[With] the menu and the special features of that bar [and] restaurant, I think it has the chance to be one of the best restaurants in town once people discover [it]."

Guests can choose from the outdoor



Visitors of Edison's Entertainment Complex in Edwardsville try out a techno jump rope game.

| Photo by Kalin Haydon / Alestle

patio seating, love seats, chairs, booths or high top tables and a wide variety of menu items, but according to McSparin, not everyone who visits the complex appreciates it as a real restaurant.

"We had some guy come in and saw the menu, saw sit-down restaurant prices," McSparin said. "He was like, 'This is a bowling alley and you're trying to charge this?' We were like, 'You don't have to eat here.' He came back and apologized and said, 'That was some of the

best food I've ever had. I understand now that this is a legitimate restaurant. It's not just bowling alley food.'"

McSparin said Edison's food prices are actually less than some of the competing eateries in Edwardsville.

"Our burgers with two-toppings are \$7.95," McSparin said. "At Cleveland-Heath they're \$10. At Red Robin they're \$10. Wang Gang serves burgers now. They're like \$9. We're under the market on a lot of our dishes."

McSparin said he would just like to see people come out and give the full experience of Edison's a chance because they might be surprised by what they find.

"Everyone's vision is different, but most people's vision was, 'Oh, they're putting in a kiddie center.' This is far from that," McSparin said.

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said. "Retention is a big focus and getting students involved is a great way to promote retention."

Zimmerman said the annual foam party draws about 3,000 students to the quad. Phi Kappa Psi President James McLendon would like to establish the glow party as an annual event attracting students to campus as well.

The glow party will be an outdoor glow-in-the-dark dance party. Fluorescent paint is applied liberally to the participants for a glow effect while a DJ provides entertainment.

"It is different. It is fresh. It will keep kids on campus," McLendon said. "It will help us get rid of the label of 'suitcase campus.'"

McLendon said Phi Kappa Psi has formed a committee to determine how to best clean up the body

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One of our goals is to get students connected to the university...

Erik Zimmerman
Student body president

paint after the party.

"The cleanup will be up to us," McLendon said. "We are also looking into possibly covering some things with plastic."

In the only non-unanimous vote of the meeting, Senator Tyler Urish voted against funding the glow party.

"I didn't believe we needed to allocate \$520 for extra body paint, and I didn't agree with the performer's payment of \$4,500 because [the Phi Kappa Psi representatives] didn't provide enough details about how the money would be used," Urish explained.

Phi Kappa Psi Vice President Bryan Kirk explained to the Senate that the fee was all-inclusive, including a DJ, body paint and various supplies.

The Student Senate approved \$4,211 for the foam party and \$5,700 for the glow party. The money comes from the Student Government's programming fund, and Zimmerman said the fund typically has about \$100,000-\$110,000 per year, which is provided by stu-

dent fees.

"The majority of the money we allocate from that fund, probably 90-95 percent, goes to things like bringing speakers or comedians to campus," Zimmerman said. "We just happened to have several requests for parties this time."

The Student Art Therapy Association received \$1,764.50 to host "Cultivating Art Therapy Connection and Community: The Power of Social Media and Online Art Collaboration." The two-day event will take place Sept. 28-29 in the Morris University Center.

The Student Senate also approved the creation of two new campus organizations, the Rotaract Club, sponsored by the Land of Goshen Rotary Club, and the Mental Illness and Suicide Support Alliance.

Junior nursing major Amanda Seaman, of Collinsville, said the organization will be split into two groups. The suicide support group will meet two days per month starting in October and the mental illness support group will also meet two days per month starting in the spring.

The first support group meeting may not be until October, but Seaman and the other leaders will have a very busy August.

"In August, the group leaders will be trained, provide suicide prevention education to the resident assistants and work with incoming freshmen during move-in week," Seaman said.

Three travel requests were approved at the meeting, including \$600 for members of the Organization of Minority Business Students to attend a conference and diversity career fair, \$600 for members of Eta Sigma Gamma to attend the 2012 ASHA Conference and \$600 for members of

the Public Relations Student Society of America to attend the PRSSA 2012 National Conference.

In other business, the Student Senate appointed Carissa Harwell and Nichole Stein to the Student Legal Services Advisory Board.



Mental Illness Suicide Support Alliance representatives Amanda Seaman and advisor Michelle Beatty present their new student organization to the Student Senate.

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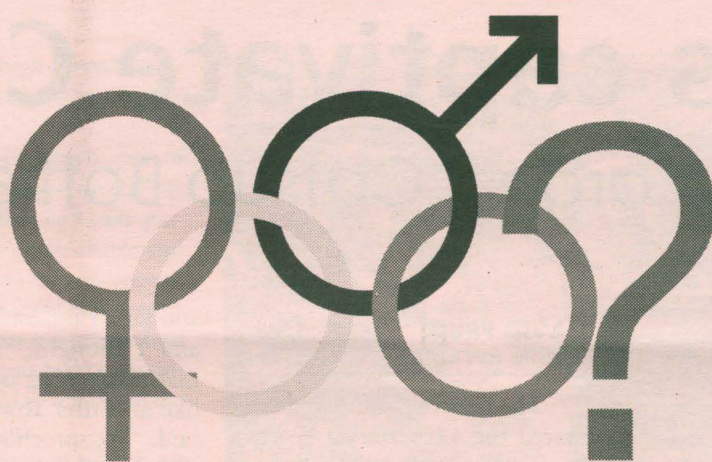
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The International Olympic Committee has decided that although ambiguous females are "faster, higher and stronger," they still may not be able to compete in the Olympic games as a woman.

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Too masculine? IOC wants to get in your genes

The International Olympic Committee is expecting athletes to get their X's and Y's in order.

The IOC recently announced a new sex testing policy which SIUE sociology professor Georgiann Davis regards as unfair to women.



Robyn Kirsch
Opinion Editor

Davis coauthored an article discussing the implication of the IOC singling out women on the basis of hairstyle, mannerisms and the possible presence of masculinity.

The article "Out of Bounds? A Critique of the New Policies on Hyperandrogenism in Elite Female Athletes," was published June 13 in The American Journal of Bioethics.

With only five weeks left before the opening of the Summer Olympic Games in London, the IOC's June 22 website announcement insinuates the policy will be upheld for the integrity and benefit of all athletes.

Athletes who are aspiring to be faster, stronger and physically efficient must now be concerned about what their outer facade projects to others, which for the record is ludicrous.

"In short, the policy forces female athletes to worry about looking like 'ladies,'" Davis said in the report. "What message does it give young women? You can win, but make sure you look pretty?"

The condition of hyperandrogenism is one in which abnormally high levels of androgen hormones, such as testosterone, are secreted. There are people who believe that the higher levels of testosterone could give an unfair advantage to other athletes in the same category.

"The policy could prevent female athletes with hyperandrogenism, determined by natural testosterone level, from competing in London on the basis that they have an unfair advantage over their competitors," Davis said in an SIUE news report. "The policy rests on the assumption that testosterone is related to athletic prowess, but there is no scientific evidence to support this assertion."

The IOC will disqualify those whose androgen levels are out of whack from the games. However, given their high testosterone levels, the individuals may be able to qualify to compete in the men's sectional games. It is worrisome that the policy does not clearly stipulate what the male levels of testosterone should be. Moreover, the androgen levels can fluctuate and could be a symptom of ovarian cancer or other disorders.

Even more disturbing is Davis' point concerning the unclear manner in which the policy does not fully state whether or not women undergoing investigation will still be able to compete, or if all their hard training will go to waste.

According to Davis, everyone competing could be susceptible to investigation, however, the ambiguity behind the sources of those reporting questionable athletes to the IOC could be cause for

alarm. Ultimately, IOC medical commission chairman Arne Ljungqvist has the final say on whether the committee will proceed with an investigation.

In "Sex-Verification Policy Is Criticized as a Failure," an article published by the New York Times article, Ljungqvist assured those questioning the new policy that a panel of three experts — a gynecologist, a genetic expert and an endocrinologist — will carry out a complete physical and chemical evaluation if athletes are being speculated upon.

"People are always asking me, 'Why have you done all this?'" Ljungqvist said in the New York Times. "I say, 'We cannot pretend that intersex people do not exist.' To let them compete in women's sports can be unfair, so we must look into it."

We understand there is a need for fairness and sound eligibility requirements. The IOC should require all Olympic Games athletic participants to undergo the test. This could ensure athletes who are questionable are not attacked in the public eye and forced to experience widespread humiliation like that of South African runner Caster Semenya. She was forced to undergo testing in 2009 after winning the gold medal in the 800-meter dash and was eventually cleared after the 11-month process.

This new policy screams gender discrimination rather than gender equality and athletic ability fairness.

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Print publications need to raise the bar

Warning: the following story contains big words, many beyond the comprehension of a fifth grader.

The warning is necessary



Roger Starkey
Reporter

because many now believe that you, the newspaper reader, are unable, or unwilling, to read at a post-fifth grade level. Not long ago, the rule for reporters was not to write above an eighth grader's comprehension. Does that demotion bruise your ego?

Supporters of simple writing argue that, in terms of profit and the necessity of maintaining readership, publications should cater to individuals of most education levels.

Romance novels are written at a fifth grade reading level, and they are the best-selling books in the United States each year. The newspapers with the highest percentage of readership in their communities are written well below the average reading level of their community.

USA Today is the best-selling newspaper in the United States. It has a reputation for targeting

dummies, but is actually written at the 10th grade level, according to Impact Information Plain Language Services.

Impact Information Plain Language Services also indicates that people like to read for leisure two levels below their capability. However, the purpose of any newspaper story is to inform and educate. If a surfeit of difficult words forces a person to perform mental gymnastics to digest the information, they will quit before they have been informed. I believe this truth to be self-evident. I also believe that asking the reader to occasionally reach for a dictionary — online or the archaic, paper version — or to use logic to decipher the meaning of an unfamiliar word is part of the education process.

According to the College Board, 2011 SAT reading scores were at their lowest point in nearly 40 years. Renaissance Learning, Inc. reported recently that the top 40 books high school students are reading have an average reading level barely above the fifth grade.

Is it possible that we are allowing stupidity to feed on itself? Are we writing for the lowest common denominator, causing the remainder of the population to precipitously decline? I believe the answer to both of these questions is yes.

It is a generally accepted fact that the brain requires exercise to continue functioning at a high level. It seems a logical conclusion that reading levels are decreasing because we are no longer challenged to maintain or improve our reading skills.

I have no desire to return to the arcane and barely intelligible language of the Victorian period. The gratuitous use of words that are not part of the modern, layman vernacular is pompous. I love plain language — florid and verbose writing is tiring — but I also love language. I should be able to use the words florid and verbose when writing for an audience intent on educating themselves. If our vocabularies have contracted to that of 11-year-olds, we should feel shame.

It is my dream that one day newspaper readers will demand more respect. They will insist that publishers understand that their readers have allowed their own intellect to soar above the elementary school playgrounds. They will expect more of their newspapers than they do of romance novels.

If you are curious, the reading level for this column is 10th grade.

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What do you think about the International Olympic Committee's new sex testing policy?

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Catsup, cars captivate Collinsville

14th Annual World's Largest Catsup Bottle Fest a success



Among the booths at the Catsup Festival was the Tangy Taste Test, where participants tried all kinds of ketchup. Other stands featured various souvenirs and prizes. | Photo by Kalin Haydon/Alestle



The 14th Annual World's Largest Catsup Bottle Festival drew in car-lovers, despite temperatures in the high 90s. There were 116 vehicles entered in the car show. | Photo by Kalin Haydon/Alestle

DAVID PRUITT
Alestle Reporter

The City of Collinsville celebrated the 14th annual World's Largest Catsup Bottle Festival on Sunday.

Even with temperatures hovering in the high 90s, the festival organizers, Mike "Big Tomato" Gassmann and his wife Judy DeMoisy, felt the festival was a complete success with attendance around 5,000.

"The crowd seems to be about the same as last year, despite the heat," Gassmann said.

The festival captured that family-oriented, small-town atmosphere by offering pony rides, magicians, a hula-hoop contest, a water balloon toss and a hot dog eating contest for children. Adults enjoyed live music and one of the largest car shows in the area.

"It doesn't matter where you're from. We like to give that hometown feel to this event," Gassmann said. "Especially in the summer for college kids, it's something fun to do."

The event is centered on the world's largest catsup bottle, a water tower in the shape of a catsup bottle. In 1992, the water tower was scheduled to be demolished, and it was at this time that DeMoisy got involved.

"I moved here and I had heard they were going to tear it down. I had lived in Germany

and Japan and had traveled a lot, and I thought, 'They can't do that. That thing is awesome. It's like an Eiffel Tower,'" DeMoisy said. "So, somehow or another I ended up in charge and we just started raising money. We sold T-shirts and sweatshirts and raised \$100,000 and saved the catsup bottle. We had it repainted and started a festival after it got done."

The catsup bottle was erected in 1949 along state Route 159 just south of Collinsville. The 170-foot water tower has gained national attention, and in 2002 it was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

The festival originally started as a downtown revitalization program for Collinsville in 1997 but took on a life of its own. Now it has more than 12,000 followers on Facebook, and DeMoisy said they receive orders every week from across the country for T-shirts and ketchup.

"There is a huge contingent of people across the country that loves the catsup bottle," DeMoisy said.

The festival's big draw is the car show. Although the number of car entries dropped from the previous year, 116 cars entered the competition. Fair volunteer and car-show organizer Mike Prosser feels the car show is one of the best in the area and the prolonged heat wave was respon-

sible for the decline in contestants.

"We have had up to 200 cars before, but it usually depends on the weather," Prosser said. "We have a big variety of cars from the 1900s all the way through to the new cars. We also have a lot of foreign cars — Ferraris and Lamborghinis — show up. We have a very mixed amount of vehicles."

The winners of the car show are chosen by votes from the public. Using a judging sheet, festivalgoers vote for their favorite hot rods, trucks and motorcycles. The cars are broken down into categories based on their manufacturer and whether they are foreign or domestic. There are also special categories for Corvettes, Mustangs and Camaros.

The festival is a tribute to an icon of American culture and DeMoisy feels it is something people should experience.

"A college student needs to be sure they see the catsup bottle and they bring all their friends because nobody can believe it," DeMoisy said. "I have a daughter that lives in New York City right now, and we are always laughing because when she comes home with friends they head straight for the catsup bottle."

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Catsup enthusiasts visit tents during the 14th Annual Catsup Bottle Festival in Collinsville. The bottle was scheduled to be torn down 20 years ago until Judy DeMoisy got involved. DeMoisy said the festival was a success and she feels it captures the atmosphere of an old-fashioned family picnic. | Photo by Kalin Haydon/Alestle

'THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN'

Wit, charm make for refreshing take on Marvel's hero

ASHLEY SEERING
Alestle Lifestyles Editor

Just 10 years after Tobey McGuire suited up as mysterious vigilante Spider-Man, a new face is in town to do the job, and I like him better.

I've never been a huge fan of McGuire. I'm not sure what it is, but something about him has just never screamed, "I'm secretly a badass super hero." Kirsten Dunst in the role of Spider-Man's love interest wasn't my favorite either, but I can see why some audiences thought differently.

Needless to say, I was ready for a change, and this rendition, titled "The Amazing Spider-Man," had what the 2002 version did not: Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. It probably helps that I was a fan of both Garfield and Stone going into the film, and I was eager to see their portrayals. Neither actor disappointed.

Garfield, known for what many say was a "breakout role," "The Social Network" is a British actor who plays an American just as well as the real thing. Stone appeared in 2011's critically acclaimed "The Help" as well as comedies like "Easy A" and "Zombieland."

Garfield's shy, yet dark and sometimes angsty, demeanor was just the right mix of sexy and smart. He played scientist just as well as superhero, and I found myself rooting for him as he swung from rooftop to rooftop while battling with teenage love and emotions.

Stone's obvious, but not too obvious, sense of humor was apparent throughout the film. She did a great job of balancing the serious and lighthearted moments, something I think is vital in holding my attention.

The film features visually appealing action sequences in the halls

of Spider-Man's high school and a couple dozen stories above New York City.

Frankly, Spider-Man is one of my favorite superheroes, mostly because of the fact that he's only partially "super." His geeky charm and sense of normalness are very appealing, and even after a night of protecting the town he was still able to find his way to his upstairs bedroom with his worried Aunt May waiting in the kitchen for his return.

I guess my favorite part about this film, other than the action of course, was the obvious emotion the characters felt. It seems easy for characters in these kinds of superhero movies to not really be anything more than superhuman pretty faces, and I enjoyed that Garfield made Spider-Man seemingly even more lovable than he was before.

Spidey even throws around a few jokes about himself throughout the film, which I found hilarious. It's always nice to know that these superheroes don't take themselves too seriously. He is fighting crime in red and blue spandex, after all.

I was pleasantly surprised when the film was ended, not because of the pretty predictable storyline, but more because I heard the film wasn't all that great. I don't think it will win film of the year any time soon, but seeing it in theaters isn't a waste of money either. Plus, superhero movies are always better on the big screen.

★★★★☆

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• Every Passing Dream @ Fubar - \$10, 7 p.m.

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• Il Divo @ Peabody Opera House - \$60-125, 8 p.m.

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Buscher wants to energize women's basketball

GABRIEL SIMPSON
Alestle Reporter

SIUE's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics concluded its search for the next women's basketball head coach June 15 by hiring Paula Buscher.

Women's basketball

Buscher spent the last 12 seasons at Bradley University where she holds the record for most career wins in the school's history and she is ninth in the Missouri Valley Conference for all time wins. Buscher is now the fifth women's basketball head coach in Cougar history.

Buscher said she knew SIUE was a great fit when she arrived for her official visit.

"From the moment I stepped on campus, I could feel the energy here," Buscher said. "There is so much energy here. Hopefully we can translate it into energy on the court."

Helping to lead the search for the next head coach was Assistant Athletic Director Sandy Montgomery.

According to Montgomery, the decision to hire Buscher was easy for the Athletic Department.

"It was a unanimous decision from the Athletic Department to hire Paula," Montgomery said. "When she came on campus she was the clear-cut favorite to the committee."

Montgomery believes Buscher's coaching methods will be a good fit at SIUE.

"Her philosophy and style fits in with our team and that was crucial," Montgomery said. "She brings a lot of experience to the job and a vast knowledge of the game."

Buscher plans to have the Cougars play a running style of basketball.

"We are going to play some

full-court press," Buscher said. "We are going to play with a lot of energy and excitement. We are going to get up and down the court."

Aside from her winning ways at Bradley University, the Cougars wanted Buscher because of her knowledge and ability to recruit.

"She knows how to recruit this area, which is very important," Montgomery said. "She will need to lock down the St. Louis area and continue to recruit Chicago and Indiana as well as all the major parts of the Midwest. We think that she will do a great job at that. She already has those recruiting ties."

Buscher plans to keep the local talent in the area.

"It is important that we recruit well right here at home," Buscher said. "There is a tremendous amount of talent in the St. Louis area so we want to make sure we keep those

players."

Buscher takes over a team that enjoyed its most successful season in school history last year. The Cougars posted an 18-12 record and finished third in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Cougars also experienced the postseason for the first time making the Women's Basketball Invitational.

Once the search was down to two finalists for the job, both candidates were able to meet with the team and speak with them.

Junior forward Raven Berry was one of the team leaders last season and will be counted on this season to be a leader once again. Berry came away impressed with what Buscher had to offer.

"My first impression of her was that she was ready to come in and make history with us," Berry said. "I think that she will bring a lot of energy and knowledge to our team."

Now that the team knows who will be coaching them next season, Berry is looking forward to the leadership Buscher will offer in the time of change.

"I feel like she will be the force that pushes us over the transition hump," Berry said. "After we get adjusted, she will be able to prepare us for a chance at a conference championship."

Moving forward, the team and committee expect to compete at a championship level.

"She has a great group of young ladies to begin with, and we hope that she will be able to hit the ground running," Montgomery said. "We have a solid foundation for her, so hopefully we will be able to make the conference tournament and give ourselves the chance to win."

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Women's soccer to host first SIUE Tournament in 2012

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The SIUE women's soccer team recently announced its 2012 schedule, which includes home matches against last year's Ohio Valley Conference regular season champion and the conference tournament champion.

Women's soccer

Head Coach Derek Burton said it is dangerous to place more importance on any one game over another, but he is excited about certain aspects of the schedule.

"We play at home against four of the five teams we lost to in conference last year," Burton said. "I'm also looking forward to playing twice on Homecoming weekend."

The Cougars will be fighting for a spot in the OVC tournament this year. Their sixth-place finish last year would have qualified them for the conference tournament, and a shot at the NCAA tournament, but they were ineligible for postseason play as they completed the transition to Division I.

Burton has spoken with the players, individually and as a team, about what it means to have a shot at postseason play.

"It gives the athletes that little extra when they need to dig down deep, whether in practice or a game, to make the difference," Burton said. "I know it makes a difference for me as a coach."

Senior forward Kristen Dailey said the team was very motivated to prove themselves

last year, but this year is different.

"It will give us more of a drive than maybe we had last year," Dailey said. "It's my senior year and we're eligible for the postseason. It makes it twice as worthwhile for me."

The Cougars kick off the season Aug. 17 with a road match at Indiana State. The home campaign begins two days later against Northern Illinois. Conference play starts Sep. 23 when Eastern Illinois visits Korte Stadium and concludes with a regular season-ending match at conference newcomer Belmont.

Highlighting the home schedule will be back-to-back matches against regular season conference champion Southeast Missouri State on Oct. 5 and conference tournament champion Tennessee Martin on

Oct. 7. The Cougars lost by a combined score of 6-0 against those opponents last year.

"It is nice to play the highly regarded teams at home," Burton said. "It gives us that little advantage."

Senior forward Shanna Hutchison is looking forward to the matchup against the defending conference tournament champion.

"Tennessee Martin has been one of our bigger rivals, and we've never beaten them," Hutchison said. "Two years ago we were close, but last year they kind of killed us."

The Cougars will host their first tournament this year. They will battle the University of Missouri-Kansas City Friday, Aug. 31 and the University of Northern Iowa Sunday, Sept. 2 in the inaugural SIUE

Tournament.

Burton said hosting a tournament for the first time is exciting for the team.

"The chance to play for a trophy will provide a little extra motivation and competitiveness to a weekend of non-conference games," Burton said.

Burton also hopes the SIUE Tournament will serve as practice for Facilities Management to host the conference tournament soon. The regular season champion hosts the conference tournament each season.

The Cougars welcome Saint Louis University to Korte Stadium Sept. 16. They played SLU for the first time last year, and Burton said it is a budding rivalry that is exciting because many of the local players from each team will know each other well.

Dailey, who is from St. Louis, is looking forward to playing against some former teammates.

"It's always more fun to play people you know. You really want to beat them," Dailey said.

SIUE finished 6-9-1 last season, with a 4-5 conference mark. Burton did not mention the team's record when discussing goals for this season. He said the team goals this year are essentially the same as they are for any season.

"We want to grow into a cohesive unit that gets better throughout the non-conference schedule to establish our identity and style," Burton said. "We want to finish in the top six in the conference and advance as far as we can in the tournament."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER 2012 SCHEDULE

Aug. 11 at Loyola (Ill.)
Aug. 17 At Indiana State
Aug. 19 vs. Northern Illinois
Aug. 24 vs. Drake
Aug. 31 vs. UMKC
Sept. 2 vs. UNI
Sept. 7 vs. Central Arkansas
Sept. 9 at Missouri State
Sept. 16 vs. Saint Louis
Sept. 23 vs. Eastern Illinois*

Sept. 28 at Tennessee Tech*
Sept. 30 at Jacksonville State*
Oct. 5 vs. Southeast Missouri*
Oct. 7 vs. UT Martin*
Oct. 12 vs. Murray State*
Oct. 14 vs. Austin Peay*
Oct. 19 at Eastern Kentucky*
Oct. 21 at Morehead State*
Oct. 28 at Belmont*
Nov. 1-4 OVC Tournament

*Conference game

Men's soccer recruits to help ease loss of seniors

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SIUE men's soccer Head Coach Kevin Kalish has prepared for the tough 2012 schedule by adding 10 recruits who he feels embody the spirit of Cougar soccer.

Men's soccer

"It's a good class for us. We addressed some needs that we lost due to some seniors leaving," Kalish said. "We wanted to bring in players that are competitors, guys that have a past history of winning. I think we've done that. They will fit our culture very well."

The Cougars look to improve on their attack this year after finishing third in the Missouri Valley Conference for total shots with 266. Creighton and Bradley both outshot the Cougars by more than 100 finishing first and second respectively.

"We have a lot of very good

attacking players," Kalish said. "I think we will be a little bit younger in the back. The quality will be good. We will just be a little bit more inexperienced in the back, but we will probably have one of the better attacking teams we have had in quite some time."

SIUE finished near the middle of the pack for goals per game, but was second to last in assists in the MVC for the 2011 campaign.

As far as the recruiting class goes, the Cougars will be adding freshmen Justin Bilyeu, of St. Louis, Joey Ruppert, of Libertyville, Ben Sauerwein, of Belleville, and transfers Sean Kuster, of Ballwin, Mo., and Christian Volesky, of Henderson, Nev., to the midfield and forward positions.

Kalish is looking for these new recruits to bring a new look to the Cougars' offense.

"Sean [Kuster] is the kind of player that can unlock defenses and add a different

dimension to our team," Kalish said. "Volesky is a goal scorer and a guy that can stretch teams, and that is something we haven't had here in quite some time, and we are excited to get him on board."

Kalish said Bilyeu has one of the best left feet he has seen in a while and is a great server of the ball, and Ruppert has tremendous athleticism and fast pace, while Sauerwein's tenacity is what a team needs to win games.

The Cougars' young backfield will be charged with trying to improve the team's defensive standing in the MVC. SIUE finished fourth in goals-against average with 1.09 per game and finished in the middle of the MVC overall.

At the center back position, Kalish added freshman Nick Cherry, of O'Fallon, and transfer student Kenny Giacobbe, of Glen Carbon.

"Nick is an athletic quality defender that possesses quality

leadership skills," Kalish said. "Ken has trained with us all spring and has all the quality attributes we look for in center backs."

For the defenders recruiting class, the Cougars will add freshman Jacob Wieser, of St. Louis, and transfer student Sean Baumann, of Makanda.

"Jake is an honest two-way defender that competes and gets the job done," Kalish said. "Sean has been here for a semester, and we are pretty happy with Sean's progress this past spring. He is a very versatile player that can play a number of different spots."

One of SIUE's biggest strengths last season was its goalkeeping. Recent graduate Scott Meyer finished near the top in the MVC statistics for total saves (79) and saves percentage (.782), which makes him difficult to replace.

The Cougars' future goalkeeping needs could be assigned to freshman Tanner

Fink, of East Alton.

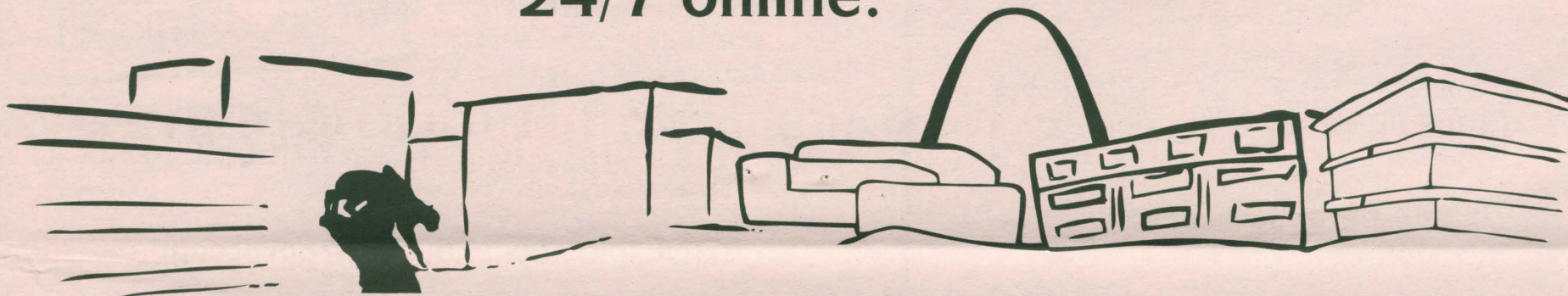
"Tanner will be an up and coming goalie that will be working with Coach Jones," Kalish said. "Look for Tanner to grow and develop over the next four years."

This recruiting class will be the face of the Cougars in the upcoming years. The Cougars will lose another large senior class after 2012 and Kalish is optimistic that this recruiting class has the work ethic to keep the Cougars in the competitive mix for the MVC championship.

"They are capable of playing some big roles; it's just a matter of seeing what players come into form in the preseason," Kalish said. "One of the good things is we will be very deep and we'll have a lot of very good options. We see these guys not only playing roles next season, but even bigger roles in 2013 and beyond."

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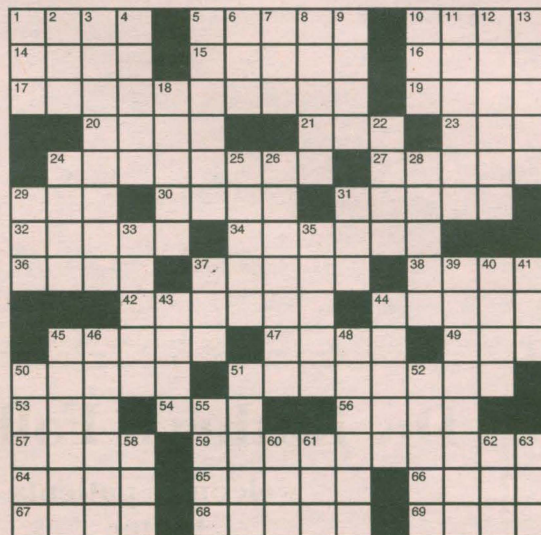


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Quite some time
- 5 Pals, in slang
- 10 arms
- 14 Prurient interest
- 15 vincit amor
- 16 Suvari of "American Beauty"
- 17 "My bad!"
- 19 "MacArthur Park" songwriter Jimmy
- 20 "Take this"
- 21 Work undercover
- 23 Whisper sweet nothings to, say
- 24 Compact disk carrier
- 27 Harsh
- 29 Sound over a cornfield
- 30 Chieftain's group
- 31 Composer of "The Wizard of Oz" songs
- 32 Turn away, as one's eyes
- 34 Maintain an address
- 36 Diddy, in Cádiz
- 37 Stairway post
- 38 Med school subj.
- 42 What Annabel Lee's kingdom was by
- 44 Chief's group
- 45 It may be liquid or frozen
- 47 "What ___ is new?"
- 49 Born, in some bios
- 50 "Wham!"
- 51 Like shish kebab
- 53 Standout pilot
- 54 Bit of rest
- 56 From scratch
- 57 Politico Gingrich
- 59 Fight insomnia, in a way ... and if you do it in this puzzle, you'll find ten 62-Downs
- 64 TV musical set in Lima, Ohio
- 65 Kitchen occupant of song
- 66 "Even ___ speak ..."
- 67 "M*A*S*H" actor
- 68 Feat of genetic engineering
- 69 Early all-metal bomber



By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel

DOWN

- 1 Baba the woodcutter
- 2 Gloomy guy
- 3 Steered clear of
- 4 Scatter
- 5 Secretary of State before Rice
- 6 Linguistic suffix with morph-
- 7 Wrap up
- 8 1903-'14 pope
- 9 NFLer Warren who competed on "Dancing With the Stars"
- 10 Coal industry labor org.
- 11 Dodger great Reese
- 12 Congenital
- 13 "Nattering" big shot, in an Agnew speech
- 18 Standing tall
- 22 Home front?
- 24 Morning mugful
- 25 Uncovers
- 26 Common time between paychecks
- 28 Easy to follow
- 29 Give the heave-ho
- 31 Have the sniffles

Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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- 33 Dustin's "Midnight Cowboy" role
- 35 Black Panthers co-founder Bobby
- 37 Bottom line
- 39 Fashionable retailer named for an address
- 40 In for the night
- 41 Golfer's doohickey
- 43 Chopped down
- 44 Adolescents
- 45 Smallish battery
- 46 Gushed
- 48 Wrap snugly
- 50 Milne boulder
- 51 Ruin
- 52 P.T. center, e.g.
- 55 Adaptable, electrically
- 58 Pekoe or oolong
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